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SUBJECT: SENAT REFLECTIONS ON SOVIET ATTITUDES TOWARD FRG ELECTION

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1. DURING CONVERSATION ON AUGUST 13 WITH CHANCELLERY CHIEF HERZ ON ANOTHER MATTER, MISOFF ASKED HIM WHETHER HE HAD HEARD RUMOR THAT SOVIETS MIGHT FAVOR CDU VICTORY IN OCTOBER. HERZ SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD RUMOR AND WOULD BE INCLINED TO DOUBT THAT IT REPRESENTED TRUE SOVIET DESIRES. HE NOTED THAT SOVIETS ARE USUALLY INCLINED TO STICK WITH WHAT THEY KNOW AND NOT VENTURE INTO UNKNOWN--CDU GOVERNMENT WOULD REPRESENT UNKNOWN. FURTHERMORE, HONECKER MEETING WITH GAUS, WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO LESSENING OF TENSIONS BETWEEN FRG AND GDR, CAME RIGHT AFTER HONECKER SAW ABRASIMOV.

2. SIMILAR VIEWS VOICED FEW DAYS LATER BY SENATOR STOBBE,
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WHO EXPRESSED OPINION THAT SOVIETS HAD ADOPTED BASIC

HANDS OFF ATTITUDE TOWARDS ELECTION. IF ANYTHING, STOBBE
SAID, THIS WOULD BENEFIT SPD/FDP COALITION SINCE SOVIET
EFFORT TO INTERFERE ON COALITION'S BEHALF, WERE IT TO BE
UNDERTAKEN, WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE HANDLED IN
EMBARRASSINGLY CLUMSY MANNER WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS
FOR THE COALITION. GEORGE

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